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SUBJ: PICKANDS-MATHER PROJECT: HOUPHOUET STATE VISIT

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1. IN SEPTEMBER 26 CONVERSATION WITH DESK OFFICER, PROJECT ENGINEER MANN ADVISED THAT HEALY AND BELL NOW IN LONDON TALKING WITH EUROPEAN STEEL FIRMS (BRITISH, FRENCH, SPANISH) IN ATTEMPT TO LINE UP REMAINING 40 PER CENT INTERESTS FOR EXPLORATION PHASE. SO FAR EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION BY NO MEANS ASSURED BUT PICKANDS HOPING FOR BREAK IN COURSE OF CURRENT EUROPEAN DISCUSSIONS. MANN CONFIRMS THAT JAPANESE HAVE DEPOSITED SUFFICIENT (UNSPECIFIED) FUNDS TO SECURE 40 PER CENT OF ENVISIONED CONSORTIUM BEING FORMED FOR EXPLORATION REPEAT EXPLORATION PERIOD. HE NOTED THAT JAPANESE APPEAR TO BE HEDGING BETS AS TO ULTIMATE

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PARTICIPATION IN EXPLOITATION, FOR THEY ALSO EXAMINING

OTHER POSSIBILITIES IN AFRICA.

2. AS TO FINANCING OF PICKANDS-MATHER AND GOIC SHARES, MANN STATED THAT THAT QUESTION PREMATURE. (FYI: THE BANGOLO PROJECT IS ONE ITEM ON A LIST OF PROJECTS WHICH AMBASSADOR AHOUA PROVIDED TO EXIM FLAGGING MATTERS THE HOUPHOUET PARTY WOULD WISH TO RAISE DURING THE UPCOMING VISIT. END FYI.)

3. DESK OFFICER LEARNED SUBSEQUENTLY FROM IVORIANS THAT MEMBERS OF HOUPHOUET PARTY WILL PARTICIPATE IN WORKING SESSION IN NEW YORK WITH PICKANDS-MATHER OFFICIALS
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